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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
(BIPM) AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY
(OIML)

1. BUDGETARY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION CONCERN-
ING THESE TWO PARIS BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY
THE DEPT FOR BUDGET PREPARATIONS TO CONGRESS, MEETING
PREPARATIONS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF US MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH
ORGANIZATIONS. RECENTLY, THE ONLY SUCH INFORMATION AVAIL-
ABLE HAS BEEN VIA THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, THE US
LEAD AGENCY FOR DEVELOPING US PARTICIPATION IN EACH OR-
GANIZATION'S PROGRAM. HOWEVER, NBS ONLY RECEIVES COPIES
OF SOME OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATERIAL
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS CONVEYED BY THE BUREAUS OF BOTH
THE BIPM AND OIML DIRECTLY TO THEIR MEMBER'S PARIS EM-
BASSIES. FOR INSTANCE, THE DEPT HAS NOT YET LEARNED
OFFICIALLY OF THE AMOUNTS OF THE US DUES FOR 1975 TO BE
ASSESSED BY THESE TWO AGENCIES. ALSO THE CONVOCAION OF
OCTOBER 7, 1974 TO THE BIPM 1975 GENERAL CONFERENCE
ADDRESSED TO "MONSIEUR L' AMBASSADEUR", ALTHOUGH OBTAINED
FROM NBS, APPARENTLY WAS NOT FORWARDED BY THE EMBASSY.

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2. UP TO ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AGO, THE EMBASSY SCIATT OFFICE
HAD BEEN RELAYING MOST OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPT.

3. ACTION REQUIRED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DESIGNATING
AN OFFICER (AND FURNISH NAME) TO PROVIDE LIAISON WITH THE
HEADQUARTERS OF THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS AND TO ROUTINELY
FORWARD TO THE DEPT (IO/SCT) BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE
INFORMATION AS RELEASED. OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS INFORMA-
TION REGARDING THE 1975 BIPM AND OIML BUDGETS, ALONG WITH
THE PROJECTED US ASSESSMENTS.

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